

Other name, given to daughters, was the
Biblical one of
Elizabeth, a survival, perhaps, of some family
Puritanism
Commonwealth days. But if there were a
Puritan,
there was certainly no Jewish strain in the
family, the
idea of which in the eighteenth century
married girls with
old English names, some of them London
born and
families coming from counties as far away as
Cheshire,
is, although the Vizetellys seem to have
never forgotten
their origin and to have cultivated friendship
with sundry
able Italians who settled in England, it is
certain that,
generation followed generation, English
blood predomi-
nated in their veins.
The status of the eighteenth-century Vizetellys
as printers
is difficult to determine. They were apparently
in fair
circumstances, but the writer knows of no
eighteenth-cen-
tury book bearing their imprint. He believes
they were
associated in business with others whose
names alone
were heard. The first found actually trading in
his own
line was James Henry Vizetelly,¹ born in 1790,
and son
of James Vizetelly, "printer, of St. Bride's
parish and of

Even his business, that of Vizetelly, Branston & Co.,
printers and
publishers, was at one time known merely by the name of the
"Co.," that
Whitbread's, though J. H. Vizetelly was managing
partner. He had
completed his apprenticeship with the Coxes, and did not take up
his freedom

father and grandfather had been freemen of the city
before (him) till
smber, 1827. He was a man of considerable gifts ; he
wrote for several
dicals, produced a variety of verse (privately printed by
himself) initiated
amous "Boy's Own Book," as well as "Oruikshank's Comic
Almanack"
:iich he became the "Bigdum Funnidos," and was one of
the best ama-
actora of his time. He was very intimate with Edmund
Kean, whom
reatly resembled in appearance, and it is said that more
than once when
i was hopelessly drunk he took his place on the boards.
Such at least
the atory often told to the writer by his grandmother
(Jamea Henry's
iw) and expressly confirmed to him by an old family
friend, Mr. Lern-
•e, son of the Lempriere of the " Classical Dictionary."